CLAIMS:

1. A method of providing access to a wireless communications system in which a plurality of nodes in a first set establish wireless links with wireless units located in geographic proximity to said nodes, said method comprising the steps of:

connecting a node of said plurality of nodes in said a first set with different nodes of a second set.

2. The method of claim 1 comprising the step of:

determining a node of said second set to connect with said node of said first set.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said step of determining comprises:

using information characterizing nodes of said second set.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said step of using further includes:

using information characterizing usage levels of nodes of said second set.

5. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using information characterizing said node of said first set.

6. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using information characterizing the wireless unit for which a connection is being established.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of connecting further comprising:

connecting a node of said first set with a first node of said second set; and

connecting said node of said first set with a second node of said second set.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of connecting further comprising:

connecting a node of said first set with a first node of said second set for establishing a connection with a first wireless unit; and

connecting said node of said first set with a second node of said second set for establishing a connection with a second wireless unit.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein said step of determining comprising the steps of:

receiving information characterizing usage levels of said nodes of said second set;

using said information by said node of said first set to determine a node of said second set with which to connect.

10. The method of claim 9 comprising the steps of:

receiving information by said node of said first set from nodes of said second set using a multicast address associated with said nodes of said second set;

maintaining a list by said node of said first set of nodes of said second set based on said information; and

using said list by said node of said first set to determine said node of said second set with which to connect.

11. A radio access system in a wireless communications system comprising:

a plurality of nodes in a first set adapted to establish wireless links with wireless units located in geographic proximity to said nodes;

a connection network coupled to said plurality of nodes of said first set; and

a plurality of nodes of a second set coupled to said connection network adapted to provide connections between a node of said plurality of nodes of said first set and said plurality of nodes of said second set.

12. The system of claim 11 comprising processing circuitry adapted to determine a node of said second set to connect with said node of said first set.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein said processing circuitry adapted to use information characterizing nodes of said second set to determine said node of said second set.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein said processing circuitry adapted to use information characterizing usage levels of nodes of said second set to determine said node of said second set.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein said processing circuitry adapted to use information characterizing said node of said first set to determine said node of said second set.

16. The system of claim 12 wherein said processing circuitry adapted to use information characterizing the wireless unit for which a connection is being established to determine said node of said second set.

17. The system of claim 12 wherein said radio access system adapted to connect a node of said first set with a first node of said second set and to connect said node of said first set with a second node of said second set.

18. The system of claim 12 wherein said radio access system further adapted to connect a node of said first set with a first node of said second set for

establishing a connection with a first wireless unit and to connect said node of said first set with a second node of said second set for establishing a connection with a second wireless unit.

19. The system of claim 12 wherein said processing circuitry being at said node of said first set and being adapted to receive information characterizing usage levels of said nodes of said second set and to use said information by said processing circuitry to determine a node of said second set with which to connect said node of said first set.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein said processing circuitry further adapted to receive information from nodes of said second set using a multicast address associated with said nodes of said second set, to maintain a list of nodes of said second set based on said information, and to use said list to determine said node of said second set with which to connect said node of said first set.